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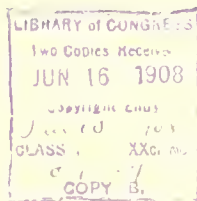
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The Bantam Lake House, located on the famous Bantam Lake, and the Hotel Berkshire, two miles distant, in the Garden town of Litchfield, in the Litchfield Hills, 1200 feet above sea level. Three hours from New York on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad.

Fishing — Bathing — Bowling — Boating — Golf — Tennis
— Driving — Horseback Riding — Music — Recuperation,
Health and Rest.

Hotel Berkshire

THE HOTEL BERKSHIRE is situated ninety-eight miles from New York, in the old historic town of Litchfield, Conn., twelve hundred feet above sea level, at the summit of the Litchfield Hills, which are a continuation of the Berkshire Hills. Towering in the distance are Mount Tom, Mount Mohawk and the Ivy Mountains. Away to the north are the White Mountains.

Litchfield is purely a Summer resort and residential town. Picture yourself at the summit of the Litchfield Hills, twelve hundred feet above sea level, where a regular cool temperature prevails, surrounded by extending lawns, well-kept shrubbery, in-

tertwined with smooth roadways, extending away miles into the distance, dotted here and there with old Colonial homes, exquisite little Queen Anne cottages, all shaded by an overhanging forest centuries old, which affords many shady nooks and quiet pathways of far more than ordinary beauty.

Perhaps you stop to rest for a while on one of the many rustic benches, at the foot of some giant elm or maple, where you are fanned by cool breezes





Bantam Lake

and an atmosphere surcharged with health-giving invigoration; the sun peeping at you through the branches as if jealous of this peace and quiet you have found—peace and quiet broken only now and then by the carolling of many birds and the gentle wafting of the leaves or the tread of some pleasure-seeker like yourself.

Here the Hotel Berkshire is situated, in the very heart of this garden spot, with an expanse of well-kept lawns, stretching away from the broad veranda into the park below. Two miles away in the distance are the sparkling waters of Bantam Lake. The Hotel Berkshire is a modern building, five stories in height. One hundred and seventy-five guests can be accommodated. The second, third, fourth and fifth floors are



devoted exclusively to spacious and airy rooms, furnished with excellent bed-chamber fittings, while the entire first floor is used for office, parlors, writing room, reading room, dining room, lounging room, and reception room; all furnished in a way to please and insure the best of comfort. The windows of all the bed-chambers have a commanding view of the surrounding country. A very fine wide veranda extends the entire length of the build-



North Street, Litchfield

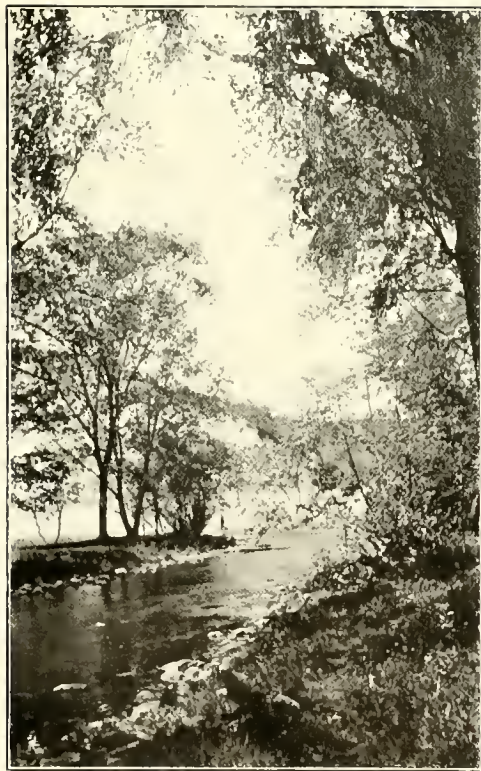


Scene on the Drive from Hotel Berkshire to Bantam Lake House

ing, and provides a delightful lounging place. Hammocks, swings and rustic seats are provided for those who wish them. The dining room is large and comfortable, extending over one-half of the first floor. It is very well furnished. Every convenience and the very best of service are here rendered. Each room is fitted with bell service connecting with the office. The office staff will be glad to give all information to guests concerning the surrounding country, and the drives, etc. From the look-out tower on the top of the Hotel a very fine panoramic view of the country for miles around is to be had. Open plumbing and modern porcelain baths are conveniently located on each and every floor. The building contains a modern elevator, and is electric lighted throughout. The Hotel Berkshire and Bantam Lake House Coach meets all trains and transfers guests arriving to the hotels.



Another View of Hotel Berkshire

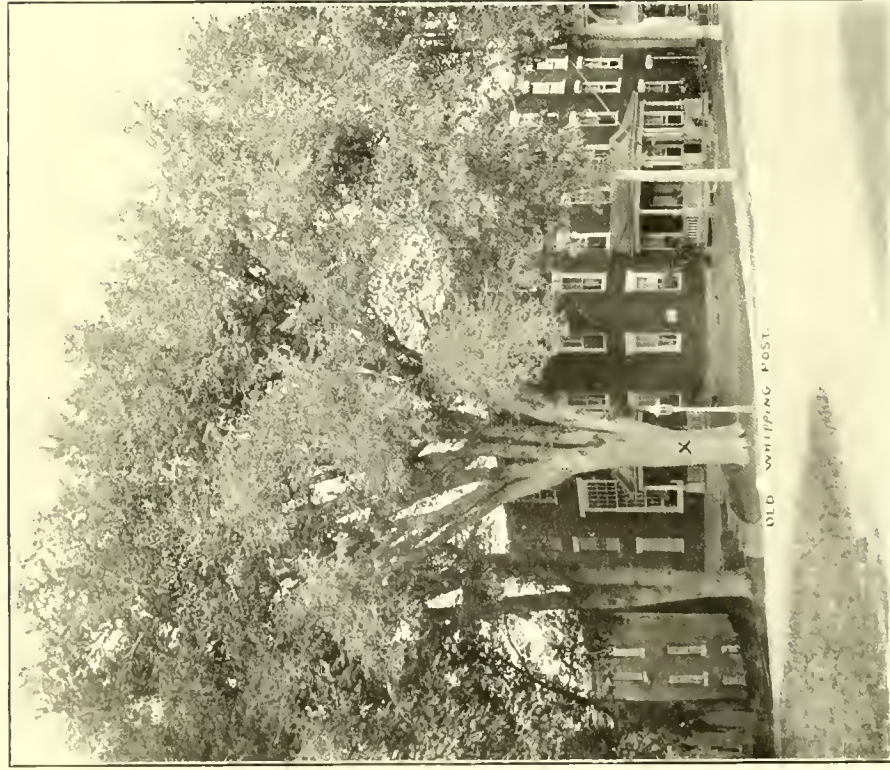


In order that our guests may fully enjoy all the advantages of the fishing, boating, bathing and recreation at Bantam Lake, we have inaugurat-

ed a Coach Line free to the guests of the Hotel Berkshire and Bantam Lake House. This coach makes two trips daily to Bantam Lake House and return. For instance, you can have breakfast and leave Hotel Berkshire at 8 o'clock for Bantam Lake, enjoying the delightful morning drive through the wooded roadway, arriving at Bantam Lake shortly afterward, go out for two or three hours' fishing or boating, and return by the coach, arriving at the Hotel Berkshire at 11:30, in time for luncheon; or, if you should prefer to spend the entire day at the Lake, arrangements can be made in the grill room, which we conduct there, for luncheon, and the return trip can be made in the evening, arriving at the Hotel Berkshire at 5:30 p. m.

The Drive and Coach Line

*from Hotel Berkshire to
Bantam Lake House*



Old Whipping Post

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Apple Blossoms



Water Lily Cove

Bantam Lake being five miles long is the largest and most beautiful lake in Connecticut. Its waters abound with gamey fish, bass, pickerel and perch being the most prominent. A complete boat livery of flat and round-bottomed boats is conducted at our Bantam Lake House, as well as livery accommodations for those who wish to go to the Lake in private conveyances. What better amusement can one ask for than a morning fishing expedition, a dip in the Lake, a ramble through the wood with its sequestered and cozy

Bantam Lake

*Fishing, Boating
and Bathing*

nooks; and a return drive along the shady roads to the Berkshire. The bathing is excellent; long, sandy beaches sloping off gradually into the water afford a safe and ideal bathing ground.

A passenger launch runs upon the Lake and can be engaged to take parties for a trip or to convey picnic parties to choice camping grounds.



West Street, Litchfield, Conn.



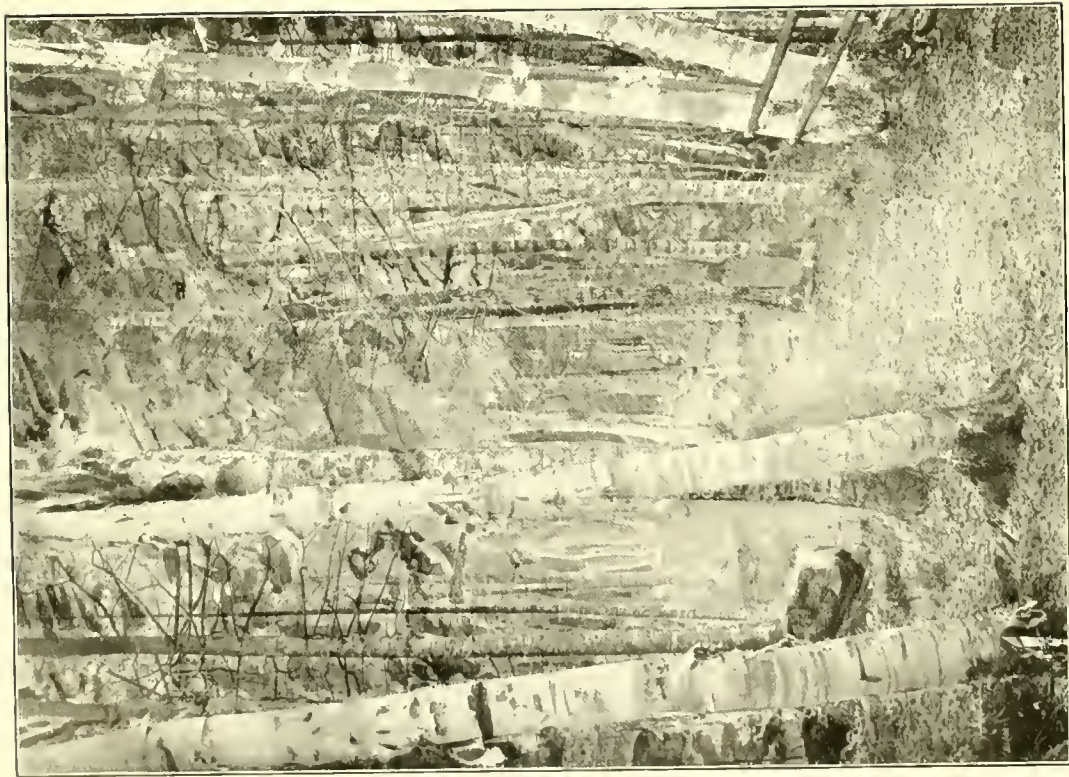
Side View Hotel Berkshire

For those who like amusement and diversion of different kinds, there need not be a dull moment at the Hotel Berkshire; for those who prefer a private conveyance or saddle horse instead of the free Coach Line service, arrangements may be made with the livery stable by applying at the Hotel Berkshire office. The drives through the surrounding country are many and varied, filling the guest with pleasure and surprise as at each and every turn of the roads a new landscape unfolds itself. There is a tennis court on the Hotel Berkshire grounds, where guests can avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy this game. There is also a bowling alley for those who wish to indulge in this good, healthful exercise. The golf links are directly opposite the Hotel. These links are kept in excellent condition. The County and State Golf and Tennis Tournaments are both held on these links during the Summer. Automobile garage accommodations can also be arranged for by applying at the Hotel Berkshire office.

Amusements
Driving, Horseback
Riding, Golf, Tennis
and Bowling



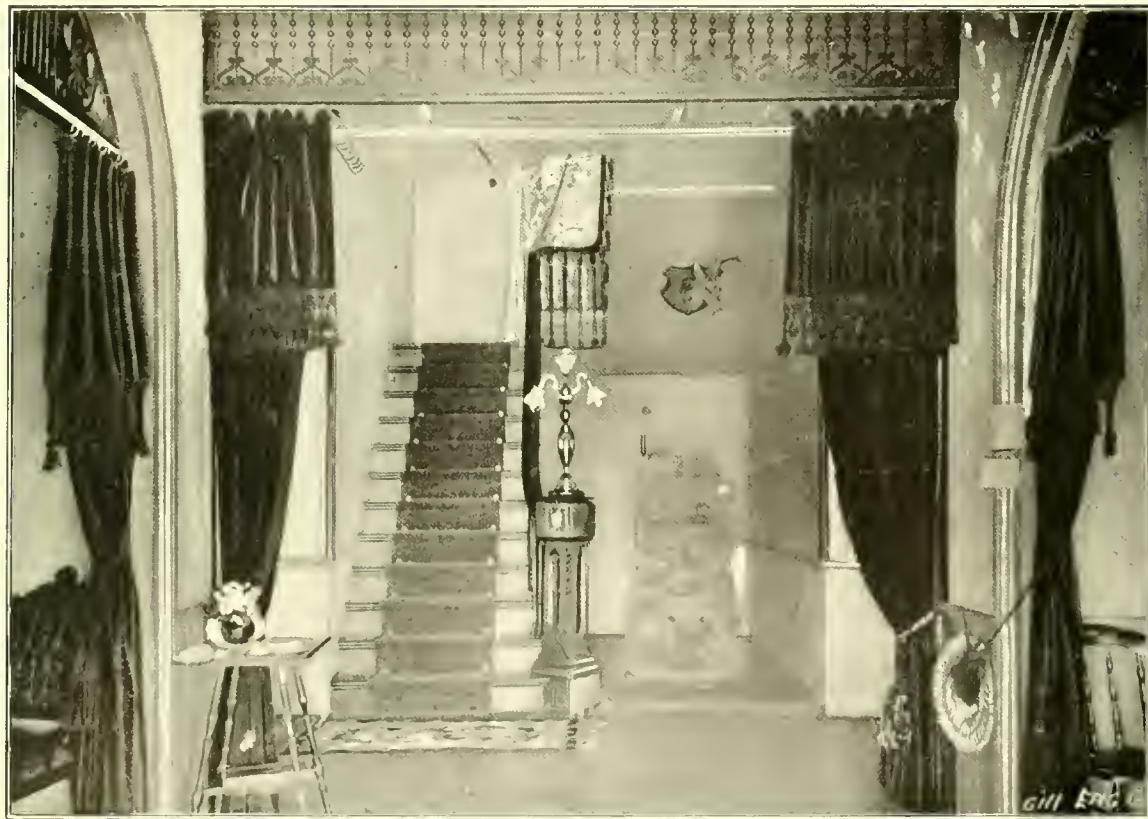
South Street, Litchfield, Conn.



A Shady Drive Near the Shepaug River



Along the Housatonic River



Foyer Hall, Hotel Berkshire



A Corner of the Music Room

The Hotel Berkshire orchestra will render music at the dinner hours and during the morning and evening. Twice a week there will be given an informal dance to the guests of the Hotel by the Management. Progressive whist and euchre parties will also be organized. As the Management require references from all applicants, they are able to guarantee a refined and select social atmosphere, such as the most fastidious need not hesitate to enter. Young people will find this a most delightful place to spend a vacation, as there is always good society, with plenty of amusements and diversions.

Entertainment

*Music, Dancing,
Card Parties
and Games*



Golf Links

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The Old Well in the Grounds of Henry Ward Beecher Home



Rowing on the River

*As a Family
Resort*

Hotel Berkshire is in every way an ideal spot for the Summer outing of the family. Here the overworked business man, worn and racked by the responsibilities of business, and the tired mother, weary with the cares of the household and the family, the children, pale for the want of exercise, in pure air and healthful outdoor surroundings, will all find speedy recuperation and rapidly increasing health. Here the full-grown members of the family can lounge in easy rustic chairs, or stroll away into the country lanes; while the children, free as the air they breathe, can exercise out of doors without disturbing any one, to the full satisfaction of their young and bounding hearts, and to their infinite delight. What peace and comfort come to one in the quiet silence of the evening, what rest comes to the weary mind and body at such a time, and what restful sleep fol-

lows in the cool, pure atmosphere, floating through the open windows on a Summer's night, when weary mortals in the crowded cities are sweltering in the almost unbearable heat! A few weeks of such recuperation will bring back perfect health.

Churches of all denominations are in Litchfield and the Coach will convey guests wishing to attend same from the Bantam Lake House to Litchfield on Sundays.



Another View of South Street, Litchfield, Conn.



The Casino



Bantam Lake House



Down Among the Daisies



*A Private Dining Room
Waiting for the Party to Arrive*



The Old Colonial Fireplace
The Boat Landing



A Nook on Bantam Lake





Table Supplies

Without the proper and appetizing food an outing at a Summer resort is of little benefit. A special feature at the Hotel Berkshire is the excellent cuisine. The menu is so arranged that it offers an extensive variety and an almost entirely different bill of fare each day during the entire season. The best of everything is provided, and the management takes pride in saying that it is properly prepared and served. The

choicest of meats and all varieties of fish and game are conspicuous features. Pure milk and cream are supplied in abundance. All fresh fruits and vegetables in season are constantly on hand. The canned article is here entirely discarded. From the staples of the table to the delicate cream all is right. The water supply comes from deep wells of sparkling spring water.



Bantam Lake House

The Bantam Lake House

The Bantam Lake House is a first-class Summer resort, conducted on the European plan, and is managed in conjunction with the Hotel Berkshire. The Hotel occupies an ideal location on Bantam Lake. Every appointment is first-class. The cuisine is excellent, and the service the best. The grill rooms are unique and furnished in a way to give one a feeling of luxury and comfort. The Hotel stands on an eminence overlooking the Lake, while its lawns and groves slope down to the water, some 75 yards away. The grove of pine, chestnut and oak which surrounds the Bantam Lake House is noted far and near for its natural grandeur and beauty. Boats can be rented here at the boat livery connected with the Hotel, for fishing or pleasure. Bait of all kinds will be found for sale at the boathouse. The Bantam Lake House can accommodate about forty guests. The rooms are large, comfortable, cool, and well kept. The grill is in charge of a chef of acknowledged reputation. Meals will be served a la carte, single or to parties, at all hours. The cafe and grill are stocked with the best the market affords. For rates, etc., see the Bantam Lake House rate card enclosed. Excellent stable accommodations and storehouse for automobiles are connected with the Bantam Lake House. Modern open plumbing, old-fashioned Colonial fireplaces and all modern improvements prevail throughout.

Mode of Travel to Litchfield

The best way of reaching Litchfield, Conn., is on the Shepange branch of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. There are three trains each way daily, including the Litchfield Express, a fast vestibule train, which makes the through trip without change in three hours. Litchfield may also be reached by taking the Naugatuck Division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, to Torrington, Conn., thence five miles by stage to the door of the Hotel Berkshire.

*For all further information, railway time tables and
rate card, apply to*

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An Old Colonial Home in Litchfield, Conn.



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A View on the River



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